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- Sotirios Meligdis, a former employee of IKA (Social Insurance Institution), was born in Aravonitsa, Achaia, Greece, in 1914, the son of Apostolos and Panagoula. From 1938 to 1948 Meligdis was a permanent executive employee a. IM and worked as a First Secretary in the Personnel Section. In 1948 he was dismissed from his job, ostensibly because of excessive absences, but Meligdis stated that it was because he had been exiled to the island of Beria from July to September 1947. From 1948 to the middle of 1949 Maligdis was unemployed and took up the study of law. From mid-1949 until June 1950 he sold women's materials and until October 1950 he was in the cord business.
- In August or September 1945 Charalambos Giannopoulos and Andreas Pangalos, IKA employees known to have Communist sentiments, persuaded Meligdis to become a candidate for the Administrative Council of IKA and to work in the Employees' Association on syndicalist matters. Meligdis was elected to the Council, which was composed of 13 or 14 members, including Pangalos. Meligdis stated that most of the members, and particularly Pangalos and one Panagiotis Sexris, of the Administrative Council were pro-Communist.
- In May 1947 Pangalos and Sarris suggested to Meligdis that he become a trial member of the KKE and later a regular one, but he did not agree to
- 4. In July 1949 Dimitrios Kanellopovlos, a former IKA employee with whom Meligdis was connected in the cord business, suggested to the latter that he work for the KKE and undertake the organization of IKA employees. Kanellopoulos also gave lialigdis copies of the Rizomastis to distribute. According to Meligdis, he refused to engage in any activity for the KKE and disposed of the newspapers by throwing them into sewers.

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